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1. SUMMARY: THE EC COMMISSION HAS FORWARDED TO THE COUNCIL A PAPER ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF A 200 MILE MARITIME ECONOMIC ZONE. IT CALLS FOR THE EXTENSION TO 12 MILES OF EXCLUSIVE FISHING RIGHTS AROUND MEMBER STATES AND THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY SYSTEM OF MANAGING FISHING WITHIN THE 200 MILE ZONE BY MEANS OF CATCH QUOTAS. IT ALSO CALLS FOR THE COMMUNITY AS SUCH TO ADHERE TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE CONVENTION. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE EC COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 18 APPROVED AND SENT TO THE COUNCIL A PAPER ON EC FISHERIES POLICY (REFTEL. (TEXT BEING FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM.) THE COMMISSION PAPER SUGGESTED OVERALL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS POSED BY THE COMMUNITY ZONE EXTERNALLY AND INTERNALLY RESULTING FROM THE NEW SITUATION THAT WOULD BE CREATED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONES. THE PAPER PROPOSES COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY POND. THE COMMISSION PAPER PROPOSES 12 MILE COASTAL ZONES RESERVED FOR NATIONAL OR HISTORICAL FISHING RIGHTS AND A 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE IN WHICH THE COMMUNITY WOULD MANAGE FISHING BASED ON COMMUNITY REGULATIONS. THE MANAGEMENT WOULD BE BASED ON A CATCH QUOTA SYSTEM CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF PAST CATCH FIGURES, LOSSES TO BE SUFFERED BY COMMUNITY FISHERMEN IN THE 200 MILE ZONES OF THIRD COUNTRIES, AND GAINS TO COMMUNITY FISHERMEN BY THE ELIMINATION OF THIRD COUNTRY FISHING FROM THE COMMUNITY'S 200 MILE ZONE.

3. NEGOTIATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES SHOULD BE OPENED WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, SOME OF WHOM ALREADY ARE LINKED TO THE COMMUNITY BY SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS. NEGOTIATIONS COULD CONCERN NOT ONLY RECIPROCAL FISHING RIGHTS AND TRADE CONCESSIONS BUT ALSO ANY OTHER SUBJECT WHICH COULD YIELD BALANCED RESULTS. THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO INITIATE WITHOUT DELAY EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH THE PRINCIPAL NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES CONCERNED TO ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK FOR EVENTUAL NEGOTIATIONS.

4. THE PAPER NOTES THAT THE COMMUNITY'S COMPETENCE TO REGULATE ACTIVITIES IN ECONOMIC ZONES ALREADY EXTENDS BEYOND THE FISHING SECTOR AND COULD IN THE FUTURE EXTEND TO SUCH FIELDS AS ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURES AND SCIENTIFIC MARINE RESEARCH. THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THEREFORE THAT A FUTURE CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA MUST CONTAIN A CLAUSE ENABLING THE COMMUNITY TO BE A CBE A CONTRACTING PARTY THE COUNCIL TO TAKE A DECISION REGARDING AN "EEC CLAUSE."

5. THE COMMISSION ALSO NOTES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMUNITY NEGOTIATING AS A COMMUNITY AT THE MARCH 15 LOS CONFERENCE AND CALLS ON MEMBER STATES TO PREPARE PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE "COMMON NEGOTIATING TEXT" WHICH CAN HAVE THE SUPPORT OF ALL 9 DELEGATIONS. THE COMMISSION UNDERTAKES TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL SOON PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMON NEGOTIATING TEXT WHICH WILL TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF THE DRAFTING PROPOSALS MADE BY THE MEMBER STATES AT RECENT EC

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